



THE SHIELD

Grand Knight's Message



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Next Council Meeting
Thursday, February 09 @ 7:30 pm
Live in the Parish Center

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www.kofc.org

Worthy Brother Knights & Ladies!

It's always a good thing to start off a report on a positive note! That said, and of a personal nature, both Karen's and my oldest grandchild, grandson, Jackson (Jack) Jajuga who graduated from Florida State University last year was formally accepted into the US Navy's Officer Candidate School (OCS) in Newport, Rhode Island. This is one very proud grandpa that is writing this! Jack is one of four children to our oldest son Kevin and his wonderful wife Jennifer who live in Tarpon Springs. Jack leaves for basic training on February 12th.

Over the last couple of months, Jack had met with and received a lot of great advice and guidance from two of our own Military Veterans from our Council. Our current Trustee, Past Grand Knight, JJ Coyne, US Navy retired and our current Treasurer, Past Grand Knight, Jerry Custin, US Air Force retired. Jack received letters of recommendation from both JJ and Jerry, and with Jerry's help a letter of recommendation from United States Representative, Gus Bilirakis. Wow! Talk about a slam dunk for Jack! Karen and I are very, very grateful for all of the awesome advice, guidance and support that both JJ and Jerry gave to grandson Jack. God Bless!

NEW COUNCIL FREEZER

At our last council business meeting on Thursday, January 12th, I informed the council that our freezer, that

is owned by our council, in the Parish Center kitchen was running continuously and began leaking. A service call was made and conducted by a parish approved service company and it was reported that there was an issue with the electronic part that controls the cycling on and off of the freezer and that part could not be fixed or replaced as the part was no longer made or available. A motion was made at our council meeting followed by a second motion, a discussion and a vote was taken that authorized that we could spend up to \$4,000 for a new freezer to replace our existing unit.

JJ Coyne, Pat Nocerino, Tom Fitzpatrick and I visited several restaurant supply companies in our immediate area and received quotes from each. At the request of Santo Loparo and Bob Justiana, we also visited NNN Restaurant Supply in Tarpon Springs. We then made the decision to purchase an Atosa double door freezer from NNN Restaurant Supply for \$3,380 which was \$800 less than the exact same unit from another restaurant supply company that we contacted. We then asked the Parrish Office if we could use their tax number which they agreed to help us with and that saved us another \$280. With the savings on the freezer and tax, and at my discretion, we made the much-needed purchase of a stainless steel 8'x2' food prep table for an additional \$420. We wish to thank Santo and Bob for their recommendation to contact NNN Restaurant Supply. I also want to thank Rich Waddick and Jerry Walsh in our parish maintenance department for all their help with the service appointment, check request from the parish and expediting the check.

Unfortunately, this new issue with the freezer was nothing that we planned for and was not included in our zero-based budget that was approved by our council at the beginning of our fraternal year. At this time, and because of this needed replacement just before the council fish fries begin, we are now way over our projected expenses for the year.

As Grand Knight of our Council I'm asking for your prayerful consideration in making a one-time donation toward the cost of our new freezer. If you can make a donation, please make your check payable to "KofC Council 7109" and mark on the note line "Freezer." Please send your donation to Tom Harkins, our Council's Financial Secretary, at his address:

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Palm Harbor FL 34685

I have attached two pictures for your review. One of the new double door freezer and the other with both our refrigerator and new freezer in the Parish Center kitchen. Thank you for your consideration of my request for help. God Bless!



UPCOMING EVENTS FEBRUARY

- Council Officer's Meeting – Thursday, February 2nd, 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Assembly Full Family Breakfast – Sunday, February 5th, 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM in the Parish Center
- Rosary – Thursday, February 9th, 6:30 PM in the JBC
- Council Business Meeting – Thursday, February 9th, 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – Thursday, February 9th, 7:30 PM in the Gathering Room

- Council Coffee, Donuts & More – Sunday, February 12th, 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM in the Saint John Bosco Center
- Pinellas Hope – Lunch Meal Prep and Delivery – Thursday, February 16th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM PC Kitchen
- Kimberly Home Work Day – Saturday, February 18th, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM (1189 NE Cleveland Street, Clearwater)
- District 40 Meeting, Council Officers – Sunday, February 19th, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Assembly Business Meeting – Thursday, February 23rd, 7:30 AM in the JBC
- Council Fish Fry – Friday, February 24th, 4:30 PM – 8:00 PM in the Parish Center
- Council Officer's Meeting – Thursday, March 2nd, 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Council Fish Fry – Friday, March 3rd, 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Parish Center
- Council Business Meeting – Thursday, March 9th, 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
- Council Fish Fry – Friday, March 10th, 4:30 PM – 8:00 PM in the Parish Center

KOFC FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL – RAFFLE TICKETS

We will continue the distribution and sale of the Knights of Columbus - Florida State Council Raffle Tickets at our Council Business Meeting on Thursday, February 9th, at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center. Please see Sir Knight Doug de Wolfe.

Thank you.

Blessings for an awesome month!

Vivat Jesus!

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Council 7109 Membership Corner

Happy February My Brothers,

What's so special about this month? That's right, FAT TUESDAY, eat, drink, and be merry!!! Last day to misbehave before repairing your soul for the Lenten season. Sorry Father Cooper, I may have created longer lines at confession for you. But seriously brothers, with Ash Wednesday fast approaching we should be reflecting on our souls, our baptism, what Christ did for us, and how we can walk in His footsteps. This is a time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Some folks give something up for Lent. I encourage you to **take** something up for lent. I encourage everyone to talk to the gentlemen sitting next you in the pews, grab him after Mass, run into him at the Fish Fry, and share how Christ has been a bigger part of your life since joining the Knights of Columbus. Then have him scan the QR code below and sign him up.

Our goal is 12 more new members by June to reach 15. Here's a list of membership events over the next couple months for opportunities to bring potential new Knights.

- 02/05/23 – Family Breakfast
- 02/24/23 – FISH FRY and Every Friday in March
- 03/14/23 – Informational Open House
- 03/16/23 – Degree Ceremony



If you have somebody ready to join, no need to wait for an event, feel free to sign them up on the spot with this QR Code or visit: <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html> and a brother Knight will reach out to them.

Good Luck, God Bless, and Peace Always!

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Informational Open House Schedule:

Mar 14, Apr 18, Jun 13

Unified Degree Ceremony Schedule:

Mar 16, Apr 20, Jun 15

Look for more information from our Grand Knight

Council Membership Report

Total Membership	329
Insurance Members	139
Honorary Life Members	69
Honorary Members	8
2022-2023 Membership Growth vs Goal	3/15
2022-2023 Insurance Growth vs Goal	0/2

Council Officers 2022-2023

Grand Knight	Gene Jajuga, PFN, FFA	727.403.3261
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Special Assistant to the Council	Vincent Cristiano	
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Happy Birthday Brothers. Many Happy Returns!

Paul Cooper, Mike Engelmann, Robert Essex, Joseph Galewski, Christopher Jones, Viktor Lewalski, Donald Lomurno, Don Puchalski, John Ruckart, Bryan Snyder, Gene Wolanin, Tom Wozniak

Prayers for the Sick

Don & Marie Bishop, Marie Burke (d), Bryan McGuire (d), Tim & Barbara Rush, Guillermo Romero Sr (d), Mario Zaccario, Mohan Vswani (d), Ben Perry (d), Audry Hritz, Ken Seguin, Elizabeth Inderwiies, John Salesses, Avis LaChance (d), Baby Jonas, Phil Farney, John Maloney (d), Sean Cooper, Ted Strab, Jim Gencur, Joseph McHale (d), Alfred Bonvicino (d), Ed Mandichak, Lois Coyne (d), Gaspar Lasanta (d), Ron Lexa, Susanne Papa

Please pray for all our sick and deceased Brothers, Ladies, and family members. Please report illnesses and deaths to Sir Knight Paul Harvey, Lecturer, at 727.286.7171 or pharvey10@verizon.net

Support our Vocations Fund



Austin Smith



Benjamin Harris



Nicholas Gunn

Thank you for your continued support of the Vocations Fund. As most of you know we are making annual donations to three seminarians. Two of our three new seminarians this year are located at St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami. Austin Smith, Sophomore Year who is from Nativity parish in Brandon. His birthday is 11/19. Benjamin Harris, Freshman Year from St. Theresa parish, Spring Hill. His birthday is 12/31. Nicholas Gunn, in his Freshman Year, is studying at St. Vincent's in Boynton Beach.

Please get your name on the list by giving \$5.00, \$10.00 or whatever you can in support of this worthy endeavor! We need to continue to support these young men and vocations but it will take everyone's help. Thank You!

Mark Barrett, David and Patricia Behrle, Patrick and Beatrice Boland, James and Jean Burris, John and Sharon Cathcart, Christopher and Debra Constantine, John Coyne, Joseph and Biagia D'Amelio, Douglas and Carol DeWolfe, Peter Demzak, Jerome Dewberry, Frank and Angela Di Mattei, Jonathan Di Mattei, Francisco and Mildred Diaz Estrella, Terry and Shirley Drake, Robert and Zoe Dufour, Robert and Patricia Ehrman, Philip and Janet Farney, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Charles and Raquel Friesema, William and Marie Gallant, John and Peggy Gohman II, Joel Gray, Gerald and Lorraine Grubba, Thomas and Anne Harkins, Thomas Hart Jr, Paul and Rose Marie Harvey, David and Donna Heezen, Kevin and Gidet Hernandez, Joseph and Sandra Hochehl, Jarret Honahan, George and Claire Inderwies, Steven and Anne Marie Ippolito, Eugene and Karen Jajuga, Shawn and Pattie Jajuga, Gregory and Kim Juedes, Peter and Nancy Jula, Matthew Killeen, William and Katherine Krajewski, Tom and Margaret Krivchenia, Frank and Deborah Laffey, James and Maria Lankford, Stephen Leger, Santo and Karen Loparo Jr, Frank and Juliann Marsalek, Frank and Cindy McEwen, Charles McEwen Sr, Kevin McMullen, Stuart Miller, James and Phyllis Montali, Adel Nammour, David Neal, Chris Nesci, James and Patricia Nolf, Thomas and Carolyn O'Rourke, Mark and Melissa Ostapowicz, Todd and Margaret Owers, Donald and Carol Palacheck, John and Susanne Papa, Gerald and Holly Pappa, Paul and Virginia Pappas, Brandon and Mirela Parrinello, Mark and Christine Peterman, Richard Roberto Jr, John and Kathleen Ruckart, Peter and Susanne Salesses, Morgan Sheaffer Sr., James and Karin Smith, Thomas and Janet Stanko, Matthew and Julie Sunski, Walberto and Ramona Vazquez, Steven and Jaclyn Verba, Eugene and Rita Wolanin, Mario Zaccaria, Patrick and Joan Alix, Victor and Suzanne Berggren, Donald and Linda Motika Borbath, Herman and Mary Jo Brames, Sal and Ingrid Burriesci, Robert and Nancy Carman, Anthony Crevello, Sean Donahoo, Zach Faraone, Mark and Elaine Feldman, Edward and Anne Fucillo, Joseph Guazzerotti, David and Paula Harvey, Karl and Lisa Held, James Jessup, James and Karen Kurzdorfer, Brian Lawandus, Francis and Carol Mahoney, Christopher Mazzone, William Mc Fadden, Michael and Maria Li McCarthy, Clifford and Michelle Merz, William Nies, George and Tracy Paradise, Thomas and Nancy Penders, Daniel and Teresa Peterson, Glen and Jennifer Pettersen, Christopher and Carol Purcell, Richard and Rosalie Resler, Brian and Erin Riley, Juan and RoseMary Romero, Guillermo Romero, William and Mary Scott, Kenneth and Gabriella Seguin Sr, Jim and Nancy Shirer, Jugdesh and Sucheta Sujamani, Chuck and Elizabeth Sullivan, Roy and Linda Vanderveer, Brian and Carolyn Annis, Dennis and Joyce Ayril, Paul and Jacqueline Barry, Fred and Caroline Bennett, Robert and Ann Marie Bonvicino, Jonathan and Marianne Boyce, Tim and Stacey Bruggeman, Jacob and Mary Burnett, Patrick Carroll, Francis Cayer, Kenneth and Debra Chmara, Terrell and Victoria Clampitt, Joseph and Ellen Cortese, Anibal Cruz, Austin Davis, Eric and Bernadette Flores, Michael and Lisa Furman, Joseph Gajewski, Ward and Kathleen Griffin, Mark Gurley, Lawrence and Nancy Harkins, James and Janetze Hart, James Hayes, Michael and Anna Heider, Kenton and Sue Heuertz, Christopher and Celise Jones, Mark and Maryann Locascio Kapinos, William and Elizabeth Kasak, Brian and Christine Kearns, Richard and Cecilia Kemball-Cook Jr, Dan and Donna Kistel, James and Patricia Kleinsorge, Brian and Christina Lapointe, Milton Levine, Louis Lyons, Kenneth (Ken) Miller, Javier and Xiomara Ortega, Edmund and Diane Pagnott, Frank and Patricia Piro, Edward and Sandra Riley, Jeffrey and Roxann Rogers Sr, James and Drema Rooney, Timothy and Barbara Rush, Mario and Karen Russica, Kurt Salac, Daniel and Paula Saracki, Robert and Teresa Shafer, Hugh and Katie Siegel, Massimo Simeoni, Bryan and Krista Snyder, Gregory and Carolina Sohn, James and Darlene Stanley, Keith and Griselda Taylor Sr, Edward Warticki, Benjamin and Rosmeli Workman, Kevin Cordaro, Gerald Custin Jr, Timothy and Marcy Dolan, Christian Lyon, Edward Martinenko, Thomas and Gwendolyn Odmark, Bradford Patterson, Lawrence and Corinne Steinhart, Skip and Margaret Vankleeck, John Willyoung, Darryl and Mary Miller, John J Liu, John T Liu

Total Collected to Date: \$1,866.22



Father Michael W. Cooper, SJ
Chaplain

Chaplain’s Corner

“What Do I Do for Lent?”

I know some of us default right away to “what am I going to give up?” That question may be the one we always ask but are there other questions that re more helpful. I would suggest we choose some penance out of the ordinary that helps us to grow in our understanding and appreciation of Christ. Another option might be an issue we need to let die, e.g., too much negativity and judgmental attitude. Praying to change is not enough. We need to get underneath—what causes the anger or negativity? Jealousy? Envy? Am I a perfectionist and always wanting to do the right and perfect thing? Underneath I may be angry with myself for being a perfectionist. Yet I take my anger or frustration out on negativity towards the other. Listening to the Sunday and weekday scriptures can also inspire and heal me. Jesus was always compassionate and tried to b understanding.

A second thing to do during Lent might be to read this very informative book on the New Testament readings: *Who is Jesus? Why is He Important?* By Daniel Harrington, SJ You might read it with your spouse together and discuss it.

Happy Lent!

Michael, Cooper, SJ
Chaplain



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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Worthy Brother Knights!

February, what a month for love and paying tribute to the special people in your life. February is also the month that we start the Lenten season when we take a closer look at our religious life and how we can grow closer to the Lord. It is the season that we give up something that means a lot to us in remembrance of the sufferings of Christ and His ultimate sacrifice to bring us to eternal life with Him. We turn in a deeper way to alms giving, penance and prayer. Our fasting on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the Fridays during Lent is a tangible way to sacrifice for Christ and to offer our gratitude and love to our Savior. We will be starting our "All You Can Eat Fish Fry" on Friday February 24th from 4-8pm. We will need many volunteers to make this a success for everyone.

From the Community Director's Desk

On the 22nd of January, we successfully conducted the Annual Youth Free Throw contest in the school gymnasium and had several winners who will have the chance to move onto district and hopefully regional and state competitions. The winners are:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
09	Kris Abrea	Julieta Andujar Quevedo
10	Christian Naylor	Aly Cieslak
11	Chitmi Marku	
12	Henry Amtrosias	
13	Noah DeGarmo	
14	Ryan Rich	Abby Connolly

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Free Throw Competition and all the volunteers who generously offered their time and assistance.

Brothers, as we move into the 2nd half of our fraternal year, there will be upcoming opportunities to reach out to our great community and to continue to provide service to our Parish. Please continue to read the newsletter for these and consider joining us.

We will also have another road cleanup for Enterprise Road from the railroad tracks down to Philippe Parkway on Saturday, February 11th. We successfully did one December 10th and hope to be conducting these monthly. It takes about ½ hour. So, feel free to join us for this worthwhile project. We begin at 9:00am at the church parking lot.

From the Faith Director's Desk

Recitation of the Rosary will be conducted at 6:30 pm prior to the council meetings at the PC starting in February. An announcement will be made. We will be having the Altar Server pizza party on Sunday, March 5th. We will need a couple of Knights to help out. God Bless you, for all you do!

From the Family Director's Desk

February 22 is Ash Wednesday. The start of our Lenten season running through to Good Friday when we recall the passion of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we enter this season of Lent, which is a time of sacrifice during which we typically give up and abstain from one of our simple pleasures in life, let us share this tradition with our family as a small acknowledgment of the great suffering and sacrifice Jesus made for our salvation. Reflect in prayer with your family during these upcoming weeks the reason we Catholics acknowledge the season of Lent and abide by this tradition of self-sacrifice. We will be starting our All You Can Eat Fish Fry on Friday February 24th. This is a great family activity and to catch up with friends and fellow parishioners.

Vivat Jesus
Tom Wozniak

Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11th

On this date in 1858, a beautiful woman first appeared to fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous, a poor French girl. Between February 11 and July 16, 1858, the Virgin Mary, clothed in a dazzling white dress girded in blue, appeared in the Grotto of Massabielle, a dirty, dank hole, a stone grotto known to the locals as a "pigs" shelter. She made herself known to Bernadette a total of 18 times.

Scratching the ground as instructed by the Virgin, Bernadette saw a miraculous spring well up where none had existed before. On March 25, she revealed her name: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Only four years earlier, Pius IX declared the dogma that Mary had been immaculately conceived in the womb of her mother, receiving the saving graces of her Son in anticipation of her divine motherhood. Since February 25, 1858, many thousands of pilgrims have followed the instruction of Our Lady of Lourdes to "drink at the springs and wash in it." Miraculous cures have been reported, and many sick people travel to this sanctuary to bathe in the waters and to ask the intercession of Mary in their afflictions. Today, the Grotto at Lourdes receives six million visitors each year and is the most important shrine to Our Lady. Bernadette Soubirous was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1933.

February Liturgical Calendar

- Feb 02 The Presentation of the Lord (Feast)
- Feb 03 St. Blaise, St. Ansgar
- Feb 04 Bl. Virgin Mary
- Feb 06 Saint Paul Miki and Companions (Memorial)
- Feb 08 St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita
- Feb 10 Saint Scholastica (Memorial)
- Feb 11 Our Lady of Lourdes, Bl. Virgin Mary
- Feb 14 Saints Cyril and Methodius (Memorial)
- Feb 17 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
- Feb 18 Bl. Virgin Mary
- Feb 21 St. Peter Damian
- Feb 22 Ash Wednesday
- Feb 23 Thursday after Ash Wednesday, St. Polycarp
- Feb 24 Friday after Ash Wednesday
- Feb 25 Saturday after Ash Wednesday
- Feb 27 St. Gregory of Narek

Many Blessings,
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WGK Gene Jajuga presents SK Bill Krajieski with December Knight of the Month



WGK Gene Jajuga presents SK Gene Wolanin with December Family of the Month



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Fraternal Benefits Advisor Report

During the month of February and especially around Valentine's Day, we spend a lot of time thinking about our loved ones.

We do much more than think about loved ones at Valentine's Day; we give flowers and chocolates and send greeting cards. Why all the fuss? To show our love, of course! But have you ever considered that you should insure your love?

That's really what insurance is all about. Why does a member buy life insurance? Because he loves someone. He buys life insurance because he loves a wife or children. He doesn't want his loved ones to experience a lack of money if he is not there to provide for them. He wants to make sure his family can stay in the same home they love; he wants to make sure his children will have the college education they will need; he wants to ensure that his daughter will have the wedding she's always dreamed of; he wants his family to continue to live the lifestyle he's been able to provide.

In addition to life insurance the Knights of Columbus offers long-term care insurance, disability income insurance, and retirement annuities. All of these, like life insurance, help insure your love. Need extended care? Long-term care coverage can help. Can't work because of illness or injury? Disability income insurance can provide for some family necessities until you can work again. Want guaranteed interest on your retirement savings? An annuity might be right for you. All these products can help insure your love.

So go ahead and buy that box of chocolates, get a beautiful arrangement of flowers or a dozen roses and include a card; but then sit down with me and with your wife and let me show you how you can insure your love.

Vivat Jesus!

John D Ruckart, FICF

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Book an appointment with me here: kofc.ruckart.com

Scenes from our last Dine-In Fish Fry. We are back in the Parish Center for Fish Fry FryDays this Lenten Season! Please join us! And bring your friends!





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Faithful Navigator’s Log

The October 2022 Assembly Golf Tournament was a tremendous success. How rewarding it was on January 12 when the Assembly presented a \$25,000 check to Nicole Johnson from the Board of Directors of the Gary Sinise Foundation. Special thanks to the Golf Tournament Committee members Mark Peterman, Gene Jajuga, Frank DiMattei, Tom Harkins, JJ Coyne, Paul Harvey, George Inderweis, Ed Potter, Mark Feldman, John Papa, and Jim Langford; and to all our volunteers who worked so hard. The date for our 2023 Golf Tournament is Sunday, October 22.

I want to thank all who attended our January Assembly meeting Renewal of Obligations Ceremony. Thank you to Bob Justiana, former District Master of Western New York, for presiding as Master; Past Faithful Navigator Gene Jajuga for serving as Marshal; and to our Faithful Friar Deacon Greg Nash. Thanks to our chair officers Frank DiMattei, Wally Vazquez, and John Gohman and officers Tom Harkins and Jack Tipton. Thank you, SK Santo Loparo, for providing the beverages and refreshments.

There will be a live Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday, March 4, at St. Sylvester in Gulf Breeze (near Pensacola). If any Third Degree Knight would like to attend, please contact me as soon as possible so we may complete the registration process.

On October 12, 1915, Theodore Roosevelt addressed the Knights of Columbus at Carnegie Hall in New York. It is striking the main themes of his speech are still relevant 107 years later.

Roosevelt praised the Fourth Degree for its emphasis on the “duties and responsibilities” of a United States citizen rather than on his “rights.” In return for the rights and freedoms our nation provides, each citizen must live up to a high standard of performance in his duties to his family, his neighbors, and his country.

He further states the Knights are perfectly suited to be a catalyst for “national solidarity, without which there can be no efficiency in either peace or war.” He disparaged those who seek to cause strife or divide us into factions.

Roosevelt stressed all citizens are “Americans,” equal in human dignity and worth.

“If as a nation we split into warring camps, if we teach our citizens not to look upon one another as brothers but as enemies divided by the hatred of creed for creed or of those of one race against those of another race, surely we shall fail and our great democratic experiment on this continent will go down in crushing overthrow.”

Counter to the “globalist” vision so prevalent today, he points to the importance of a strong American identity with allegiance to our nation. To ensure “fusing into one nation,” Roosevelt pointed to three principals. (1) The need for a common language that should be a mandate over time for all new citizens. (2) A common civil standard symbolized by an oath of allegiance and fidelity to America’s founding principles embedded in our constitution. (3) The need for a high standard of living, equality of opportunity, a high moral code, and a just rule of law applied equally to all.

Today more than ever, the Patriotic Order of the Fourth Degree can be a force for healing divisions and fostering national unity. Through our service to the parish and local community, we exemplify responsible citizenship. Let us pray our example will draw others to join the Knights and increase awareness of the obligations we citizens must perform to ensure our nation remains true to its original Christian ideals and tenets.

I thank you all for your dedication and service!

Vivat Jesus!
 Frank McEwen
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Assembly Membership Growth	
Current Membership	141
2020/2021 Goal	0/6



Dave Behrle
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This month's lengthy article is dedicated to Mark Houck, a prolific activist who is now being tried in Federal court for an alleged violation of the FACE Act, the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act. The FACE Act prohibits "violent, threatening, damaging, and obstructive conduct intended to injure, intimidate, or interfere with the right to seek, obtain, or provide reproductive health services." His trial in Philadelphia started Tuesday, Jan 24. The following summary is taken from several news sources, available online: Washington Times, New York Post, CBN.com, Fox News, and National Catholic Register. I encourage you to pray for Mark and his family, that he will be found not guilty, and that his family will heal from what has happened. I also ask that you continue to pray for our religious freedoms, and the sanctity of life.

Who is Mark Houck? He is now a 49-year-old man, married, father of 7 children, 4 girls, 3 boys, a Catholic, and a prolific activist in Pennsylvania. Mark routinely engages in prayerful protests outside abortion clinics. He is co-founder and president of The King's Men, a Catholic ministry that aims to spiritually mentor young men.

What is the issue? There was an altercation Houck had with a Planned Parenthood escort in Philadelphia in October 2021. He is accused of pushing the escort, a 72-year-old man, named Bruce Love, who is a volunteer, outside the clinic after the escort verbally harassed Houck's 12-year-old son. Houck maintains that he was at the abortion clinic praying and ministering within his legal rights (on the sidewalk, not clinic property) when the escort approached his son and began unleashing a string of vile comments, cursing the young man. That's when Houck intervened and eventually pushed Love in order to protect his son, causing Love to fall to the ground.

What is the timeline of his prosecution?

Oct 13, 2021: The Philadelphia Police Department responded to the Planned Parenthood site the afternoon of October 13, but no charges were filed against Houck, due to lack of any evidence, and he was not arrested. Subsequently, the Philadelphia district attorney also declined to prosecute Houck over the incident. In addition, Bruce Love filed a criminal complaint against Houck, but failed to show up to any of the court hearings, prompting the judge to dismiss the case.

May 2022: Houck's case caught the attention of the Justice Department. In May, he received a "target letter" from the DOJ telling him he was being investigated by a grand jury for violating the Freedom of Access Clinic Entrances Act, or FACE Act, which makes it a federal crime to use force with the intent to injure, intimidate and interfere with anyone because that person

provides reproductive health care. Subsequently, Houck's lawyers from the Thomas Moore Society sent emails offering to bring their client in to avoid the inconvenience (and danger) of an arrest. The government never responded.

September 25, 2022: In a dawn raid at his home, the FBI arrested Mark Houck. Per Houck's wife, Ryan-Marie, the FBI came in great numbers, approximately 25 they were uniformed agents with guns and shields and helmets. These agents raided their rural home with "guns drawn" and put her husband in "shackles" while her children watched in fear. She shared that the raid and arrest has left their family traumatized and in need of counseling.

Tuesday, Jan 24, 2023: Houck's trial, before a jury, begins in US District Court, Philadelphia. Houck faces up to 11 years in prison. An aside: In 2022, the Justice Department filed charges against nearly 30 pro-life activists. During the trial: The jury was shown a video of the 2nd alleged assault that shows Love approaching Houck and his son as they were standing on the sidewalk outside the Planned Parenthood facility. It then shows Love heading back toward the facility while Houck points at the entrance of the building. Love then turns back one more time to approach Houck as he was making his way back to the street corner. Houck can then be seen turning and pushing Love, who then falls to the ground. There are no women seen with Houck on the video evidence that shows the second incident. There is no audio with this video. And, there is no video of the first incident. The video was provided by Planned Parenthood security cameras.

Thursday, Jan 26: Prosecution rests its case. Defense files for dismissal. Court adjourns to consider dismissal request.

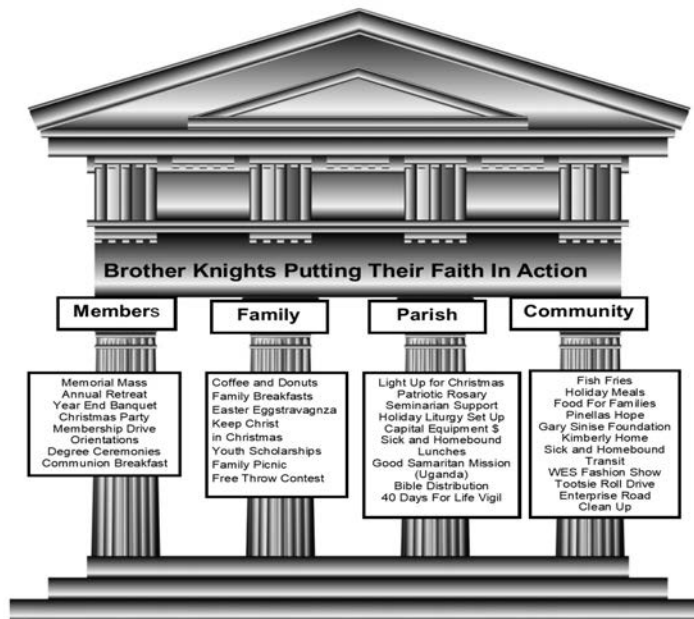
Friday, January 27, 2023: Well, there was no judge ordered dismissal, so defense presents its case. Mark Houck and his son, Mark Houck, Jr. are two witnesses. Mid-afternoon, the defense rests and the jury begins deliberations. After ~ 2.5 hrs, the foreman sends a note to the judge "we are deadlocked, how long should we continue?" The judge brought back the whole jury at ~ 5pm, asking the foreman "if, with more time, could they reach a decision?" The foreman said "No." So, the judge sent the jury home, and to return Monday morning to continue their deliberations.

Sunday, January 29, 2023: Tomorrow, or this coming week we may get a jury decision. Please continue to Pray for Justice, for those considering abortion, and for those witnessing for Life!

Monday, January 30, 2023: The jury returned with a verdict of "NOT GUILTY" **Praise God!**



Promote Family Life: Psalm 139 describes our deep and eternal bond with God, our Father. He knows everything about us and has known even before we were born. He knows our every thought and guides our every action. We cannot flee His unconditional forgiveness and love. He makes our path clean. His example is our guidance for leading our family. Our call is to be with them in mind, body and spirit through the sands of time



Psalm 139: LORD, you have probed me, you know me: you know when I sit and stand; you understand my thoughts from afar. You sift through my travels and my rest; with all my ways you are familiar. Even before a word is on my tongue, LORD, you know it all. Behind and before you encircle me and rest your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, far too lofty for me to reach. Where can I go from your spirit? From your presence, where can I flee? If I ascend to the heavens, you are there; if I lie down in Sheol, there you are. If I take the wings of dawn and dwell beyond the sea, even there your hand guides me, your right hand holds me fast. If I say, "Surely darkness shall hide me, and night shall be my light" Darkness is not dark for you, and night shines as the day. Darkness and light are but one. You formed my inmost being, you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works! My very self you know. My bones are not hidden from you, When I was being made in secret, fashioned in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw me unformed; in your book all are written down; my days were shaped, before one came to be.

Special Announcement

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Photo Gallery



The 2022 Assembly Golf Tournament Committee presents a \$25,000 check to Nicole Johnson of the Gary Sinise Foundation



Nicole Johnson of the Gary Sinise Foundation addresses the Council and Ladies Auxiliary

In Memoriam

Joseph Clement McHale, Jr.
November 02, 1945 – December 03, 2022



Joseph Clement McHale Jr. of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and originally from Olyphant, Pennsylvania, went to his eternal rest on December 3, 2022. Joe was a member of Barney Gonyea Council 7109 and Espiritu Santo Assembly 2474.

He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Hannah McHale and is survived by his wife of 34 years Bette McHale, his brother James McHale, his daughter Ellen McHale Berg, his stepchildren Dawn Anthony and James Gerner, and their families.

Joe earned a Bronze Star while serving our nation in Vietnam and reached the rank of Technical Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. He went on to serve in the Lafayette and Englewood, Colorado, police departments, and had a highly successful career as a private investigator.

He will be greatly missed but his family takes solace that he was surrounded by love, his suffering has ended, and he is embraced in the endless love of our Eternal Father. He was laid to rest at the Pikes Peak National Cemetery in Colorado Springs, Colorado on Friday, December 9, 2022.

♥
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Who Is Jesus and Do We Really Know Him?

What a dumb question, huh? We are Knights of Columbus dedicated to Jesus and His one, holy and apostolic church. We just finished celebrating the miracle of His birth over 2000 years ago. And, later this month we start our preparations for the most significant sacrifice in the history of mankind. His passion and death. Of course, we know Jesus. We REALLY REALLY know Him.

So why the question? Because His cousin said twice in a recent Gospel reading that he did not know Him. Yep, John the Baptist when Jesus came to be baptized in the Jordan said,

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him". In the same passage, "John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know Him."

What did John mean? Certainly, he knew Jesus well as his younger cousin. He knew that Jesus was the Lamb of God who was born to take away the sins of the world. Yet he said twice, I did not know Him. What's up with that?

You have to go back to Isaiah who was God's servant; yet God told him, *"It is too little, the LORD says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."* Thus, Isaiah was more than just a servant. He had a very important role in returning Israel to God.

John solves the mystery by concluding, *"On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit." Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."* Thus, John knew his cousin was very blessed and had a clear mission. But he did not know him as the Son of God until the Holy Spirit rested on Jesus on the Jordan.

Again, the question, do we really know Jesus; and, if we do, what is our mission and our call to action? The Responsorial Psalm for that mass gives the answer very succinctly, "Here am I Lord, I come to do your will."

So, as we meet and plan and do good things in our parish and community, we do so knowing fully that Jesus is the Son of God and we are directed by the Father and inspired by the Holy Spirit to realize and act on those ten simple words, **"Here am I Lord, I come to do your will."**
We KNOW who Jesus is!

Lines from the

Ladies Auxiliary

Hello ladies, we've made it through the major holidays with some cool weather and restful time. The Lenten season will be fast approaching, less than a month away! Can you believe it? We will be ramping up our involvement for the fish fries, further decisions and planning will take place at our next monthly meeting to be held February 9.

Just a little trivia for February with Valentine's Day fast approaching. Keep your loved ones in prayer and treasure their presence this season. Saint Valentine (*Italian: San Valentino; Latin Valentinus*) was a 3rd-century Roman saint, commemorated in Western Christianity on February 14 in Eastern Orthodoxy on July 6. From the High Middle Ages, his Saints Day has been associated with a tradition of courtly love. He is also a patron saint of Terni, epilepsy, and beekeepers. Saint Valentine was a clergyman – either a priest or a bishop – in the Roman Empire who ministered to persecuted Christians. He was martyred and his body buried at a Christian cemetery on the Via Flaminia on February 14, which has been observed as the Feast of Saint Valentin (Saint Valentine's Day) since at least the 8th century.

From the desk of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly...

Imagine a group of children on a stage singing Christmas carols but never smiling. Imagine boys and girls, some as young as four, silently and inexpressively greeting St. Nicholas, who has arrived with arms full of presents. For my part, there's no imagination involved. I saw this scene with my own eyes.

It was Advent, and while the Ukrainian songs were about the joyful coming of Christmas, the faces of the singing children reflected the trauma of war and the overwhelming burden of being separated from their homes and their fathers.

But during my five-day visit to Poland and Ukraine last month, I encountered more than sadness in the Ukrainian people I met. In fact, in the midst of their suffering, there was also hope. I saw it time and again — a spark of hope still visible beneath the weight of great sorrow, tragedy and anxiety.

Ukraine is in a more desperate situation now than when the war began 10 months ago. Humanitarian aid flowing into the country is dwindling, and during my visit, Ukrainians were bracing themselves for the coldest months of winter. In Lviv, people went about their business, but the atmosphere was tense. Air raid sirens sounded periodically, and there were rolling blackouts. And while there were decorations here and there, I saw no Christmas lights, as every bit of energy needed to be conserved. The cathedral's stained-glass windows — images telling the story of Christ coming to earth and redeeming the human race — were boarded up and its statues wrapped in protective covering in case of a missile strike.

In parishes and seminaries, I met refugees who were staying in tight spaces, in storage rooms and other areas that have been converted into temporary living quarters. Most families were divided, with mothers and children together in a shelter and fathers serving the war effort in the eastern part of the country. Often, these displaced women and children burst into tears as they shared their stories.

And yet, in spite of all this hardship, what struck me about so many of the people I met was their deep gratitude. They expressed gratitude to those who have taken them into their homes and churches or helped them with medical care, and gratitude to the Knights for our care packages and support of refugee centers. And with their gratitude was an indomitable hope. It's a hope that is much deeper and richer than the hope of military victory. It's a hope that comes only from the knowledge that God is with them and desires for them a glory beyond imagination.

Witnessing to this hope, by simple presence, was my goal. My message was clear, and I kept repeating it: "You are not alone. We are here with you. And God, who comes to us in Jesus Christ, is here among us."

Perhaps to lesser degrees or in more subtle ways, it is the same situation each one of us can find in our own communities — even sometimes in our own families — if we are aware.

Great evil exists in the world, and it shows itself in human suffering wherever it is found — not just in war zones. However, St. Paul urges us, "Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good" (Rom 12:21). This is the lesson we can take from our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. This is their gift to us.

They remind us that the world around us needs the hope that only comes from a witness to Christ's presence among us. They help us to recall the reason for all the charitable programs we undertake. In each case, Knights of Columbus are called to bear witness to this message of hope in Christ: "You are not alone. We are here with you." And, most importantly of all, "God is here with us."

Vivat Jesus!



From the Florida State Council Chamber...

General Recruiting Best Practices

Start with why

Recruiting is our opportunity to build our brotherhood and help our communities. To grow is to be able to expand your service. Your community needs your council now more than ever and your council needs to continually grow to help meet growing needs.

Talk to your pastor

A council that doesn't work with a pastor will struggle. Meet with him regularly. Talk about membership growth and ask him how you can work together. Ask if you can conduct membership drives at the church. Then ask if he will invite men he feels would be a good fit to join your council. Then ask what the council can do for him.

Challenge your members

One of the most effective ways to recruit is a personal invite from a Knight. Challenge each of your members to bring in one new Knight this fraternal year. Everyone knows someone who should join our Order.

Schedule church drives

Our Delta Church Drive Program is helping councils bring in a minimum of three new members per drive. If you're not familiar with the program, reach out to your District Deputy or State Membership Team. We'll give you the training and help you order the materials you need.

Set clear expectations on promoting membership

Every fish fry, every pancake breakfast, every charitable activity, every event that draws a crowd is an opportunity to ask a man to join. These events are concrete proof of your council's good works. Talk about membership at every event in the next year. Use our Online Prospect Form. It's simple and we'll take care of all the setup for you. Send us an email and we'll help you get started.

Step outside of your comfort zone

We hear a lot of stories from men who waited decades for someone to ask them to join the Knights. All it took was a personal invite. Go beyond your everyday circle. Talk with parishioners at Mass. Be visible. Reach out to the young and old. Reach out to all ministries and ethnic groups in your parish.

Your Florida State Council is here to help you promote your Council activities and help you invite every Catholic Family to learn About the Benefits of being a Knights of Columbus. Ask your District Deputy to schedule a meeting with the State Membership Team to develop a Council Growth and Membership Experience Plan.

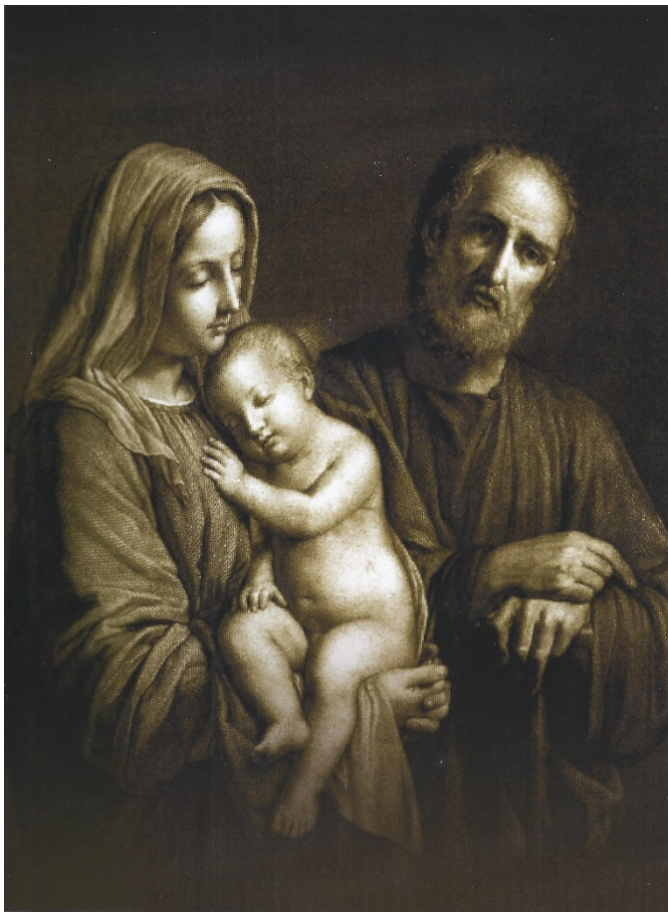
We are Catholic men, working together to build our Faith, serve our Church, make a difference in our communities, and protect our families. We know the importance of Building the Body of Christ

We need men. Men need us. Make the connection...INVITE a man to join today. (kofc.org/join)

For additional information, register to the Church Drives & Membership Engagement Webinar Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council at <http://kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/webinars/091621.html>

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A Family Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation to love.

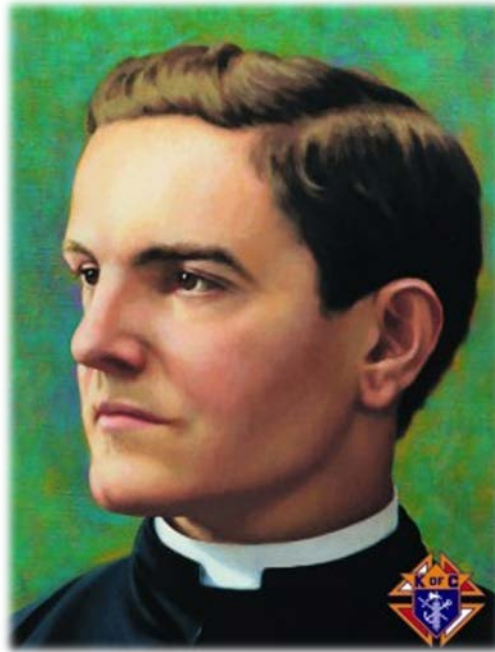
In our daily life and work,
 May we reflect the self-giving love which you,
 O Father, eternally show with your Son
 and the Holy Spirit.

Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our home and in the faith, we profess and live. May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy.

Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family; and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney
Founder of the Knights of Columbus

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request).

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

What's Happening???



Council Calendar of Events...

February 2023

- Sun Feb 12 | 8:00a Coffee & Donuts
- Thu Feb 09 | 6:30p Rosary
- Thu Feb 09 | 7:30p Council Membership Meeting
- Thu Feb 16 | 9:00a Pinellas Hope Meal Prep & Delivery
- Sat Feb 18 | 8:00a Kimberly Home WorkDay
- Sun Feb 19 | 2:00p District 40 Meeting (Council Officers)
- Fri Feb 24 | 4:00p KofC Fish Fry



Assembly Calendar of Events...

February 2023

- Sun Feb 05 | 8:00a Full Family Breakfast
- Thu Feb 23 | 7:30p Assembly Membership Meeting

March 2023



- Sat Mar 04 | 10:30a Live 4th Degree Exemplification at St Sylvester Catholic Church in Gulf Breeze

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- Thinking about hurting or killing yourself
- Looking for ways to kill yourself
- Talking about death, dying or suicide
- Self-destructive behavior such as drug abuse, weapons, etc.
- Hopelessness, feeling like there's no way out
- Anxiety, agitation, sleeplessness, mood swings
- Feeling like there is no reason to live
- Rage or anger
- Engaging in risky activities without thinking
- Increasing alcohol or drug abuse
- Withdrawing from family and friends

the presence of these signs requires immediate attention. **Call us if you experience any of these warning signs.**



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God our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to
Your loving care.

You are the rock on which this nation was founded.

You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and
the pursuit of happiness.

Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people.

Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders.

Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities
that accompany human freedom.

Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing
Your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land,
grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death."

Lead us into a new millennium of life.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

